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246-12-001

Purpose and scope.

The rules in this chapter are intended to ensure consistent application of administrative procedures and requirements for licensure, certification and registration of health care practitioners credentialed under the Uniform Disciplinary Act (RCW [18.130.040](#)), except those credentialed under chapter [18.73](#) RCW (emergency medical services). Within the rules there are several references to additional requirements which may be unique to a profession. Examples are the renewal cycle, fees, continuing education or competency requirements. Refer to individual profession's laws and rules for further guidance and information. Health profession laws and rules are available in public libraries and in publications by the department of health.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-001, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-010

Definitions.

(1) "Business": A business is an adult family home provider owned by a corporation regulated under chapter [18.48](#) RCW; a pharmaceutical firm regulated under chapter [18.64](#) RCW; or a nursing pool regulated under chapter [18.52C](#) RCW; or a health care assistant regulated under chapter [18.135](#) RCW.

(2) "Credential": A credential is a license, certification, or registration issued to a person to practice a regulated health care profession. Whether the credential is a license, certification or registration is determined by the law regulating the profession.

(3) "Declaration": A declaration is a statement signed by the practitioner on a form provided by the department of health for verifying continuing education, AIDS training, or other requirements. When required, declarations must be completed and signed to be effective verification to the department.

(4) "Disciplinary suspension": The regulatory entity places the credential in disciplinary suspension status when there is a finding of unprofessional conduct. Refer to the Uniform Disciplinary Act (RCW [18.130.160](#)).

(5) "Local organization for emergency services or management": Has the same meaning as that found in RCW [38.52.010](#).

(6) "Mandated suspension": The department of health places the credential in mandated suspension status when a law requires suspension of a credential under certain circumstances. This suspension is nondiscretionary for the department of health. Examples of mandated suspension are default on a student loan and failure to pay child support. The practitioner may not practice while on mandated suspension. The credential must be returned to active status before the practitioner may practice. See Part 6 of this chapter.

(7) "Practitioner": A practitioner is an individual health care provider listed under the Uniform Disciplinary Act, RCW [18.130.040](#).

(8) "Regulatory entities": A "regulatory entity" is a board, commission, or the secretary of the department of health designated as the authority to regulate one or more professions or occupations in this state. Practitioner health care practice acts and the Uniform Disciplinary Act (UDA) designate whether it is a board, commission, or the secretary of the department of health which has the authority to adopt rules, discipline health care providers, and determine requirements for initial licensure and continuing education requirements.

The regulatory entity determines whether disciplinary action should be taken on a credential for unprofessional conduct. These actions may include revocation, suspension, practice limitations or conditions upon the practitioner.

(9) "Renewal": Every credential requires renewal. The renewal cycle is either one, two, or three years, depending on the profession.

(10) "Secretary": The secretary is the secretary of the department of health or his or her designee.

(11) "Status": All credentials are subject to the Uniform Disciplinary Act (UDA) regardless of status. A credential status may be in any one of the following:

(a) Most credentials are in "**active**" status. These practitioners are authorized to practice the profession. These practitioners need to renew the credential each renewal cycle. See Part 2 of this chapter.

(b) The department of health places the credential in "**expired**" status if the credential is not renewed on time. While in expired status, the practitioner is not authorized to practice. Practice on an expired status is a violation of law and subject to disciplinary action. See Part 2 of this chapter.

(c) A practitioner may place the credential in "**inactive**" status if authorized by the regulatory entity. This means the practitioner is not practicing the profession. See Part 4 of this chapter.

(d) A practitioner may place the credential in "**retired active**" status if authorized by the regulatory entity. This means the practitioner can practice only intermittently or in emergencies. See Part 5 of this chapter.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.130.050](#) and [18.130.360](#). 07-21-133, § 246-12-010, filed 10/23/07, effective 12/1/07. Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-010, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-020

How to obtain an initial credential.

(1) An initial credential for a practitioner is issued once all eligibility requirements are met.

(2) To obtain an initial credential, the practitioner must:

(a) Pay applicable application, examination and licensing fees;

(b) Submit an application on forms approved by the secretary;

(c) Submit supporting documentation required by the regulatory entity.

(3) The initial credential will expire on the practitioner's birthday, except for faculty or postgraduate education credentials authorized by law. Initial credentials issued within ninety days of the practitioner's birthday do not expire until the practitioner's next birthday.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-020, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-030

How to renew a credential.

(1) The expiration date for all credentials is the practitioner's birthday, except for faculty or postgraduate education credentials authorized by law.

(2) A credential period may be one or two years. To determine the renewal cycle, refer to the individual laws and rules pertaining to your profession.

(3) To renew a credential, the practitioner must:

(a) Pay the renewal fee;

(b) Pay the substance abuse monitoring surcharge, if required by the profession; and

(c) Provide written declarations or documentation, if required for the profession.

(4) Prior to the credential expiration date, courtesy renewal notices are mailed to the address on file. Practitioners should return the renewal notice when renewing their credential. Failure to receive a courtesy

renewal notice does not relieve or exempt the credential renewal requirement.

(5) Renewal fees are accepted by the department no sooner than ninety days prior to the expiration date.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-030, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-040

How to return to active status when a credential has expired.

(1) The credential status is **expired** if the practitioner does not renew on or before the expiration date. The practitioner must not practice until the credential is returned to active status.

(2) Any renewal that is postmarked or presented to the department after midnight on the expiration date is late, and subject to a **late renewal penalty fee**. The late penalty fee will be waived if:

(a) The credential expires on a day the department is closed for business; and

(b) Payment is received at the department of health, health professions quality assurance main office on the next business day.

(3) A credential is returned to active status by complying with the following:

(a) Expired for one renewal cycle or less:

(i) Pay the late renewal penalty fee;

(ii) Pay the current renewal fee;

(iii) Pay the current substance abuse monitoring surcharge, if required by the profession;

(iv) Provide written declarations or documentation, if required for the profession; and

(v) Comply with current continuing education or continuing competency requirements if required by the profession.

(b) Expired for more than one renewal cycle but less than three years:

(i) Complete an abbreviated application form;

(ii) Pay the late renewal penalty fee;

(iii) Pay the current renewal fee;

(iv) Pay the current substance abuse monitoring surcharge, if required by the profession;

(v) Pay the expired credential reissuance fee;

(vi) Provide a written declaration that no action has been taken by a state or federal jurisdiction or hospital which would prevent or restrict the practitioner's practice of the profession;

(vii) Provide a written declaration that he or she has not voluntarily given up any credential or privilege or has not been restricted in the practice of the profession in lieu of or to avoid formal action;

(viii) Provide a written declaration that continuing education and competency requirements for the two most recent years have been met, if required for the profession to maintain an active credential; and

(ix) Provide other written declarations or documentation, if required for the profession.

(c) Expired for over three years:

(i) Complete an abbreviated application form;

(ii) Pay the late renewal penalty fee;

(iii) Pay the current renewal fee;

(iv) Pay the current substance abuse monitoring surcharge, if required by the profession;

(v) Pay the expired credential reissuance fee;

(vi) Satisfy other competency requirements of the regulatory entity, if required;

(vii) Provide a written declaration that no action has been taken by a state or federal jurisdiction or hospital which would prevent or restrict the practitioner's practice of the profession;

(viii) Provide a written declaration that he or she has not voluntarily given up any credential or privilege or has not been restricted in the practice of the profession in lieu of or to avoid formal action;

(ix) Provide a written declaration that continuing education or competency requirements for the two most recent years have been met, if required for the profession to maintain an active credential;

(x) Provide other written declarations or documentation, if required for the profession; and

(xi) If not previously provided, provide proof of AIDS education as required for the profession and in Part 8 of this chapter.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 03-19-136, § 246-12-040, filed 9/17/03, effective 10/18/03; 98-05-060, § 246-12-040, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-050**How to obtain a temporary practice permit.**

Fingerprint-based national background checks may cause a delay in licensing. Individuals who satisfy all other licensing requirements and qualifications may receive a temporary practice permit while the national background check is completed. This section applies to any profession listed in RCW [18.130.040](#) (2)(a) that does not currently issue a temporary practice permit under the profession's specific statute or rule, unless the profession prohibits temporary practice permits by statute or rule.

(1) A temporary practice permit may be issued to an applicant who:

(a) Holds an unrestricted, active license in another state that has substantially equivalent licensing standards for the same profession to those in Washington;

(b) Is not subject to denial of a license or issuance of a conditional or restricted license; and

(c) Does not have a criminal record in Washington.

(2) A temporary practice permit grants the individual the full scope of practice for the profession.

(3) A temporary practice permit will not be renewed, reissued, or extended. A temporary practice permit expires when any one of the following occurs:

(a) The license is granted;

(b) A notice of decision on application is mailed to the applicant, unless the notice of decision on application specifically extends the duration of the temporary practice permit; or

(c) One hundred eighty days after the temporary practice permit is issued.

(4) To receive a temporary practice permit, the applicant must:

(a) Submit the necessary application, fee(s), and documentation for the license.

(b) Meet all requirements and qualifications for the license, except the results from a fingerprint-based national background check, if required.

(c) Provide verification of having an active unrestricted license in the same profession from another state that has substantially equivalent licensing standards for the profession in Washington.

(d) Submit the fingerprint card and a written request for a temporary practice permit when the department notifies the applicant the national background check is required.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.130.064](#) and [18.130.075](#). 09-23-082, § 246-12-050, filed 11/16/09, effective 12/17/09.]

246-12-060**How to obtain an initial business credential.**

An initial credential for a business is issued once all eligibility requirements are met. To obtain an initial credential, the business must:

(1) Pay all applicable application and license fees;

(2) Submit an application on forms approved by the secretary;

(3) Submit supporting documentation required by the regulatory entity.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-060, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-070**How to renew a business credential.**

(1) A business expires on a date determined by the regulatory entity.

(2) A credential period may be one or two years. Refer to the profession laws and rules to determine the renewal cycle and expiration date.

(3) To renew a credential the business must:

(a) Pay the renewal fee; and

(b) Provide written declarations or documentation, if required for the profession.

(4) Prior to the credential expiration date, courtesy renewal notices are mailed to the address on file. Businesses should return the renewal notice when renewing their credential. Failure to receive a courtesy renewal notice does not relieve or exempt the credential renewal requirement.

(5) Renewal fees are accepted by the department within ninety days prior to the expiration date.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-070, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-080**When a business credential expires.**

(1) The business credential expires if the credential is not renewed on or before the expiration date. The business must not open for business or otherwise operate until the credential is renewed.

(2) A business credential is renewed by complying with the following:

(a) Expired for three years or less:

(i) Pay the late renewal penalty fee;

(ii) Pay the current renewal fee for each renewal cycle where the credential was expired; and

(iii) Provide written declarations or documentation, if required for the profession.

(b) Expired more than three years:

(i) Comply with the qualifications and procedures for initial credentialing; and

(ii) Pay initial credentialing fee.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-080, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-090**How to obtain an inactive credential.**

A practitioner may obtain an inactive credential if authorized by the regulatory entity. Refer to the profession rules to determine if this status is available.

(1) To obtain an inactive credential the practitioner must submit a letter notifying the department of health of the intent to obtain an inactive credential.

(2) A practitioner may apply for an inactive credential if he or she meets the following criteria:

(a) Holds an active Washington state credential;

(b) Is in good standing; and

(c) Will not practice in Washington.

(3) The practitioner may obtain an inactive credential at any time the criteria in subsection (2) of this section are met. The fee for the initial inactive credential will be due when the active credential expires. Portions of the current renewal fee will not be prorated or refunded for the remaining active renewal cycle.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-090, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-100**How to renew an inactive credential.**

(1) The expiration for all credentials is the practitioner's birthday. To renew an inactive credential, the practitioner must:

(a) Pay the inactive credential renewal fee; and

(b) Pay the substance abuse monitoring surcharge, if required by the profession.

(2) To determine the renewal cycle, refer to the individual laws and rules pertaining to your profession.

(3) Inactive credential renewal fees are accepted by the department no sooner than ninety days prior to the expiration date.

(4) Prior to the inactive credential expiration date, courtesy renewal notices are mailed to the address on file. Practitioners should return the renewal notice when renewing their credential. Failure to receive a courtesy renewal notice does not relieve or exempt the inactive credential renewal requirement.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-100, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-110**How to return to active status from inactive status.**

To change an inactive credential to an active credential status the practitioner must:

(1) Notify the department in writing of the change;

(2) Pay the appropriate current active renewal fee;

(3) Pay the current substance abuse monitoring surcharge, if required by the profession.

(4) Provide a written declaration that no action has been taken by a state or federal jurisdiction or hospital which would prevent or restrict the practitioner's practice of the profession;

(5) Provide a written declaration that he or she has not voluntarily given up any credential or privilege or has not been restricted in the practice of the profession in lieu of or to avoid formal action;

(6) Provide a written declaration that continuing

education and competency requirements for the two most recent years have been met, if required for the profession;

(7) Provide other written declarations or documentation, if required for the profession;

(8) Satisfy other competency requirements of the regulatory entity; if required; and

(9) If not previously provided, provide proof of AIDS education as required for the profession and in Part 8 of this chapter.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-110, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-120

How to obtain a retired active credential.

A practitioner may obtain a retired active status credential if authorized by the regulatory entity. Refer to the profession rules to determine if this status is available.

(1) To obtain a retired active credential the practitioner must submit a letter notifying the department of health of the intent to practice only on an intermittent or emergency basis.

(2) A practitioner may apply for a retired active credential (refer to RCW [18.130.250](#)) if he or she meets the following criteria:

(a) Holds an active Washington state credential;

(b) Is in good standing; and either

(c) Will practice no more than ninety days each year in Washington state; or

(d) Will practice only in emergency circumstances such as earthquakes, floods, times of declared war or other states of emergency.

(3) The practitioner may obtain a retired active credential at any time the criteria in subsection (2) of this section are met. The fee for the initial retired active credential will be due when the active credential expires. Portions of the current renewal fee will not be prorated or refunded for the remaining active renewal cycle.

(4) The profession may define specific practice settings in which services may be provided. Refer to the laws and rules of the profession to determine if specific practice settings are identified.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-120, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-130

How to renew a retired active credential.

(1) The expiration for all credentials is the practitioner's birthday. To determine the renewal cycle, refer to the individual laws and rules pertaining to your profession.

(2) To renew a retired active credential, the practitioner must:

(a) Pay the retired active credential renewal fee;

(b) Pay the substance abuse monitoring surcharge, if required by the profession;

(c) Provide a written declaration stating that he or she practiced only intermittently or in an emergency during the previous renewal cycle;

(d) Provide a written declaration stating that continuing education or competency requirements have been met, if required for the profession; and

(e) Provide other written declarations or documentation, if required for the profession.

(3) Retired active credential renewal fees are accepted by the department no sooner than ninety days prior to the expiration date.

(4) Prior to the retired active credential expiration date, courtesy renewal notices are mailed to the address on file. Practitioners should return the renewal notice when renewing their credential. Failure to receive a courtesy renewal notice does not relieve or exempt the retired active credential renewal requirement.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-130, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-140

How to return to active status from retired active status.

To change a retired active credential to an active credential status the practitioner must:

(1) Notify the department in writing of the change;

(2) Pay the appropriate current active renewal fee;

(3) Pay the current substance abuse monitoring surcharge, if required by the profession.

(4) Provide a written declaration that no action has been taken by a state or federal jurisdiction or hospital which

would prevent or restrict the practitioner's practice of the profession;

(5) Provide a written declaration that he or she has not voluntarily given up any credential or privilege or has not been restricted in the practice of the profession in lieu of or to avoid formal action;

(6) Provide a written declaration that continuing education and competency requirements have been met, if required for the profession;

(7) Provide other written declarations or documentation, if required for the profession;

(8) Satisfy other competency requirements of the regulatory entity, if required; and

(9) If not previously provided, provide proof of AIDS education as required for the profession and in Part 8 of this chapter.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-140, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-160

How to return to active status following a mandated suspension.

(1) The department of health places the credential in mandated suspension status when a law requires suspension of a credential under certain circumstances. This suspension is not discretionary for the department of health. Examples of mandated suspension are default on a student loan and failure to pay child support. The practitioner may not practice while on mandated suspension. The credential must be returned to active status before the practitioner may practice.

(2) A credential is returned to active status by complying with the following:

(a) Meet all the requirements outlined in the order mandating the suspension;

(b) Pay the current renewal fee, if due;

(c) Pay the substance abuse monitoring surcharge if required by the profession;

(d) Pay a "return from mandated suspension fee" of two hundred forty-five dollars. Standard renewal fees are not required during the period of the suspension;

(e) Provide written declaration that all continuing education and competency requirements for the entire suspension period have been met, if required by the profession;

(f) Provide other written declarations or

documentation, if required for the profession; and

(g) If the mandated suspension was for more than three years the practitioner must also comply with any specific requirements identified in rule by that profession's regulatory entity.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-160, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-165

How to return to active status following a disciplinary suspension.

(1) The regulatory entity may place a credential on disciplinary suspension when there is a finding of unprofessional conduct. The practitioner may not practice while on suspension unless the suspension is stayed. The credential must be returned to active status before the practitioner may practice.

(2) A credential is returned to active status by complying with the following:

(a) Meet all the requirements outlined in the disciplinary order;

(b) Pay the current renewal fee, if due. Standard renewal fees are not required during the period of the suspension unless the suspension is stayed;

(c) Pay the substance abuse monitoring surcharge if required by the profession;

(d) Provide written declaration that all continuing education and competency requirements for the entire suspension period have been met, if required by the profession; and

(e) Provide other written declarations or documentation, if required for the profession.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-165, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-170

When is continuing education required?

Continuing education is required for renewal of a credential only if authorized in law. The regulatory entity defines the continuing education requirements. Practitioners should refer to the laws and rules relating to their profession to determine if continuing education is required.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-170, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-180

How to prove compliance.

If continuing education is required for renewal, the practitioner must verify compliance by submitting a signed declaration of compliance.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-180, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-190

Auditing for compliance.

Up to twenty-five percent of the practitioners are randomly audited for continuing education compliance after the credential is renewed. It is the practitioner's responsibility to submit documentation of completed continuing education activities at the time of the audit. Failure to comply with the audit documentation request or failure to supply acceptable documentation within sixty days may result in disciplinary action.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-190, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-200

What is acceptable audit documentation?

Practitioners must:

(1) Prove compliance which may include course or program certificates of training or transcripts. Refer to the rules of your profession for more specific guidance.

(2) Keep records for four years documenting attendance description of learning.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-200, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-210

When is a practitioner exempt from continuing education?

A practitioner may be excused from or granted an extension of continuing education requirements due to illness or other extenuating circumstances. The profession's regulatory entity determines when the requirements may be waived or may grant an extension.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-210, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-220

How credit hours for continuing education courses are determined.

A credit hour is defined as time actually spent in a course or other activities as determined by the regulatory entity as fulfilling continuing education requirements. A credit hour for time actually spent in a course can not be less than fifty minutes.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-220, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-230

Carrying over of continuing education credits.

Continuing education hours in excess of the required hours earned in a reporting period cannot be carried forward to the next reporting cycle.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-230, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-240

Taking the same course more than once during a reporting cycle.

The same course taken more than once during a reporting cycle will only be counted once.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-240, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-250

Definitions.

(1) "Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome" or "AIDS" means the clinical syndrome of HIV-related illness as defined by the board of health by rule.

(2) "Office on AIDS" means that section with the department of health or any successor department with jurisdiction over public health matters as defined in chapter [70.24](#) RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-250, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-260

Who must obtain AIDS education?

All practitioners must demonstrate completion of four or seven clock hours of AIDS education prior to initially obtaining a health care credential. Refer to the specific profession rules to determine the number of hours of AIDS education and training that are required.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-260, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-270

Acceptable AIDS education and training.

(1) The regulatory entity will accept education and training that is consistent with the model curriculum available from the office on AIDS.

(2) AIDS education and training must include, but is not limited to, the following: Etiology and epidemiology; testing and counseling; infection control guidelines; clinical manifestations and treatment; legal and ethical issues to include confidentiality; and psychosocial issues to include special population considerations.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-270, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-280

What is acceptable documentation?

Practitioners must:

(1) Provide a written declaration that the minimum education and training has been completed;

(2) Keep records for two years documenting training and description of learning; and

(3) Be prepared to validate, through submission of these records, that training has taken place.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-280, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-290

How to obtain a duplicate credential or wall certificate.

Practitioners may obtain a duplicate credential or wall certificate by providing a written request and paying a fee established by the secretary.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-290, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-300

Name changes.

It is the responsibility of each practitioner to maintain his or her correct name on file with the department. Requests for name changes must be submitted in writing along with acceptable documentation. Acceptable documentation includes a copy of a marriage certificate, divorce decree or court order of legal name change.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-300, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-310

Address changes.

It is the responsibility of each practitioner to maintain his or her current address on file with the department. Requests for address changes may be made either by telephone or in writing. The mailing address on file with the department will be used for mailing of all official matters to the practitioner.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-310, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-320

Other information.

Refer to WAC [246-01-100](#) and [246-11-060](#) for more information on maintaining a current address with the department.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-320, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-330 **General information.**

The costs of health care professional credentialing programs must be fully supported by members of that profession. The amount of all fees are established by the secretary and set by rule. Fees can be found in rules pertaining to each profession.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-330, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-340 **Refund of fees.**

Fees submitted with applications for initial credentialing, examinations, renewal, and other fees associated with the licensing and regulation of the profession are nonrefundable.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-340, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-350 **Making payments.**

(1) Make checks or money orders payable to the department of health.

(2) Practitioners should include their credential number on the check, draft or money order.

(3) Applicants should include profession for which they are applying on the check, draft or money order.

(4) Send check, draft or money order to:

Department of Health

P.O. Box 1099

Olympia, Washington 98507-1099

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-350, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-360 **Other information.**

Refer to RCW [43.70.250](#), [43.70.320](#) and WAC [246-08-560](#) for more information relating to fees and refunds.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [43.70.280](#). 98-05-060, § 246-12-360, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98.]

246-12-400 **Who qualifies for an initial retired volunteer medical worker license?**

(1) To be eligible for a retired volunteer medical worker license, a person must:

(a) Have held a license issued by a disciplining authority under RCW [18.130.040](#) that was in active status within the ten years prior to an initial application for a retired volunteer medical worker license;

(b) Have no restrictions on their ability to obtain an active license; and

(c) Be currently registered as a volunteer emergency worker with a local organization for emergency services or management.

(2) A person is not eligible for a retired volunteer medical worker license if they hold any current license issued by a disciplining authority under RCW [18.130.040](#).

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.130.050](#) and [18.130.360](#). 07-21-133, § 246-12-400, filed 10/23/07, effective 12/1/07.]

246-12-410 **How to obtain an initial retired volunteer medical worker license.**

(1) To obtain an initial retired volunteer medical worker license, a person must:

(a) Meet the requirements in WAC [246-12-400](#);

(b) Submit an application on forms approved by the secretary; and

(c) Submit proof of current registration as a volunteer

emergency worker with a local organization for emergency services or management.

(2) There is no application fee.

(3) The retired volunteer medical worker's initial license expires on the person's third birthday after issuance and may be renewed as provided in WAC [246-12-430](#).

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.130.050](#) and [18.130.360](#). 07-21-133, § 246-12-410, filed 10/23/07, effective 12/1/07.]

246-12-420

When can you practice and what can you do?

(1) A retired volunteer medical worker can practice only when:

(a) There is a declared emergency, disaster, or authorized training event that has been given a mission number by the department of emergency management; and

(b) The local organization for emergency services or management, or designee, has activated the retired volunteer medical worker.

(2) A retired volunteer medical worker can only:

(a) Work the duties assigned;

(b) Work up to, but not exceed the scope of practice under their prior active license; and

(c) Work under an assigned supervisor.

(3) A health care facility is not obligated to use any retired volunteer medical worker.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.130.050](#) and [18.130.360](#). 07-21-133, § 246-12-420, filed 10/23/07, effective 12/1/07.]

246-12-430

How to renew your retired volunteer medical worker license.

(1) To renew a retired volunteer medical worker license, you must:

(a) Submit a written declaration stating you have met the continuing competency requirements defined in WAC [246-12-440](#); and

(b) Submit proof of current registration as a volunteer

with a local organization for emergency services or management.

(2) There is no renewal fee.

(3) A retired volunteer medical worker license must be renewed every three years.

(4) Prior to the expiration date, courtesy renewal notices are mailed to the address on file. Practitioners should return the renewal notice when renewing their license. Failure to receive a courtesy renewal notice does not relieve or exempt the retired volunteer medical worker license renewal requirement.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.130.050](#) and [18.130.360](#). 07-21-133, § 246-12-430, filed 10/23/07, effective 12/1/07.]

246-12-440

Continuing competency.

(1) A retired volunteer medical worker must complete the following requirements every three years to renew their license:

(a) Basic first-aid course;

(b) Bloodborne pathogens course; and

(c) CPR course.

(2) A retired volunteer medical worker must submit a signed declaration to verify they meet the continuing competency education requirements.

(3) Local organizations for emergency services or management that register retired volunteer medical workers may require additional training, such as incident command system (ICS) or national incident management system (NIMS).

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.130.050](#) and [18.130.360](#). 07-21-133, § 246-12-440, filed 10/23/07, effective 12/1/07.]

246-12-450

How to return to active status.

A licensed retired volunteer medical worker may return to active status as provided in WAC [246-12-040](#).

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.130.050](#) and [18.130.360](#). 07-21-133, § 246-12-450, filed 10/23/07, effective 12/1/07.]

